

Being "Dad"

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Every family situation is different
Kids and relationships are unique

6 practical ideas for being "Dad"

No 1: Reading to kids

Helping kids see the world through Dad's eyes

Non - interruptable time, Intimate, Adventure and imagination

No 2: Setting up family traditions

Birthdays, Annual events, This is how we.....

No 3: One to one times

Away together, Something special, Time to talk

No 4: Finding the 'Island' of fulfilment and 'success'

It may be 'not your thing', Exploring opportunities

No 5: Embrace your kid's friends

Have them home

"Parenting" – being a significant adult to other kids

No 6: Negotiate issues of self - definition

Listen and talk to kids at the "needs", "interests" "values" level

'Practice' conflict resolution skills, Work with them on their goals

5 Principles of Leadership – Applied to fathers

1. Father by example – actions speak louder than words
2. Father by sharing a vision for family life
3. Father by tweaking the home and family systems so they work
4. Father by equipping and training kids
5. Father by encouraging the hearts of your kids